

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080  
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Fumio KATO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3603  
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Application No.: 10/588,036 : Group Art Unit: 1795  
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Filed: August 01, 2006 : Examiner: LEE, CYNTHIA K  
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For: ALKALINE BATTERY

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 9, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.